

Appln. No. 09/980,282
Amdt. dated June 17, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 17, 2004



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Atty. Docket: MEINANDER=9

In re Application of:)	Conf. No.: 3013
)	
Paul MEINANDER)	Art Unit: 1731
)	
Appln. No.: 09/980,282)	Examiner: J.A. Fortuna
)	
Filed: April 17, 2002)	Washington, D.C.
)	
For: DEGASSING CENTRIFUGAL)	June 17, 2004
APPARATUS PROCESS FOR)	
PUMPING AND DEGASSING ...)	

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 17, 2004,
please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of
this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 9 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the
listing of claims that begins on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: MEINANDER

Art Unit: 1731

Application No.: 09/980,282

Conf. No. 3013

Examiner: J.A. FORTUNA

Filed: April 17, 2002

Washington, D.C.

For: DEGASSING CENTRIFUGAL APPARATUS PROCESS FOR PUMPING AND DEGASSING...

Atty.'s Docket: MEINANDER=9

Date: June 17, 2004

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
2011 South Clark Place, Mail Stop Amendment
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a ☒ Amendment []
in the above-identified application.

[] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

[] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	* 20	MINUS	** 20	0	x 9	\$		x 18	\$
INDEP.	* 3	MINUS	*** 3	0	x 43	\$		x 86	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ 145	\$		+ 290	\$
					ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[] First - \$ 55.00
[] Second - \$ 210.00
[] Third - \$ 475.00
[] Fourth - \$ 740.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[] First - \$ 110.00
[] Second - \$ 420.00
[] Third - \$ 950.00
[] Fourth - \$ 1480.00

Month After Time Period Set

[] Less fees (\$) already paid for month(s) extension of time on .

[] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$.

[] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$.

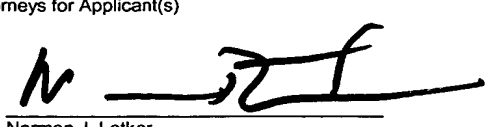
[] A check in the amount of \$ is attached (check no.).

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

BROWDY AND NEIMARK, P.L.L.C.

Attorneys for Applicant(s)

Facsimile: (202) 737-3528
Telephone: (202) 628-5197

By: 
Norman J. Latker
Registration No. 19,963